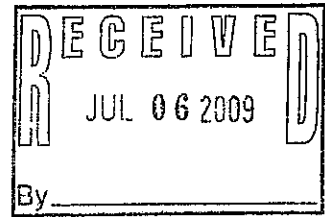




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Mr. Michael Hartman
Commissioner
Department of Mental Health
State of Vermont
108 Cherry Street, PO Box 70
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RE: Response to *Request for Proposals or Bids* for psychiatric inpatient services

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Regarding the packet we recently received, inviting us to respond to the "Request for Bids or Conceptual Proposals" for psychiatric inpatient services, we don't intend to pursue inpatient psychiatric care services at this time.

Best regards,

Michael Brant,
Chief Executive Officer

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